

CONTACTING POLICELINK AFTER A SEXUAL ASSAULT



This is an Easy Read information sheet made by WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association Inc.



You can ask a worker or someone you trust to help read this information.

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Some words are in **bold blue** writing.

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We will explain what these words mean.

Links are underlined in [bright blue](#).



Sexual assault is a crime.



If it has happened to you, it is not your fault.



This information sheet is about calling **Policelink** after sexual assault.



You can click the following link to learn more about sexual assault in:

[*You deserve to be Safe: A booklet about sexual assault.*](#)



If you have been sexually assaulted, it is your right:



- To talk to police.



- To not talk to police.



- To get support.



- To get medical care.



- To be treated with respect.



- To be safe.

- To change your mind at any time.

How to contact police using **Policelink**

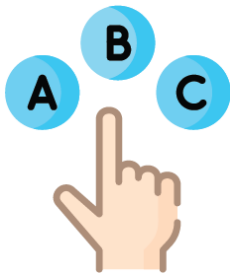


If you have been sexually assaulted and you want to talk to police, you can call **Policelink** on **131 444**.

Policelink is the first place to contact:



- To talk to police about what happened to you.



- To get information about what you can do next.



Policelink is used for **non-urgent** reports of crime.

Non-urgent means the crime is not happening to you right now and you are not in danger.

Policelink is different to **000**.



000 is an emergency number.

If you are in danger, you should always call **000** if you can do this safely.

Making a Sexual Assault Report to **Policelink**.



A **Sexual Assault Report** is a complaint form to tell police that a sexual assault happened to you.



It is a first step in reporting sexual assault, so police can begin an **investigation**.



An **investigation** is when police look for **evidence**.



Evidence is information that shows that a crime has happened.



You can make a **Sexual Assault Report** on the phone with **Policelink**.



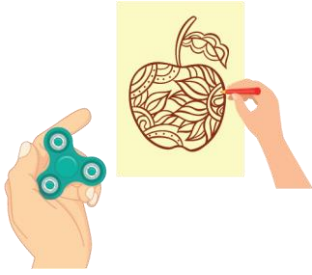
You can also make a **Sexual Assault Report** by going to your local police station.



It is best to make a plan and give time for you and police to be ready before you do this.



Making a **Sexual Assault Report** with **Policelink** is a good first step.



You might need to do something to help you feel calm and relaxed before you call.



When you call **Policelink**, the worker on the phone will not be a police officer.

They will ask for personal information like:



- Your name.



- Your address.



- Your phone number.



- What happened.



Be aware that some questions they ask might upset you.



This is so the **Policelink** worker gets the information they need to help.



The **Policelink** worker might ask you to share your information in an **online Sexual Assault Report**.



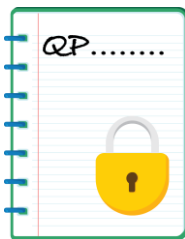
You can tell **Policelink** if you need help, or you can't do an **online Sexual Assault Report** for any reason.

If you would like to learn more, you can read our **online Sexual Assault Reports** information sheet.



At the end of the call, you will be given a Queensland Police report number.

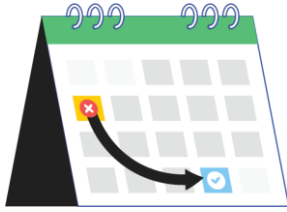
It will start with QP.



Write this down and keep this number safe.



A police officer will contact you as soon as they can to talk about what could happen next.



They might ask you to make a time to give a **statement** to police.



A **statement** is made in an interview with police where you give details of who, what, when and where the sexual assault happened.

You can read our Easy Read information sheet on **Giving a Statement to Police After a Sexual Assault** for more information.

Useful things to remember when you call **Policelink**



You can have a person you trust to help you call **Policelink**.



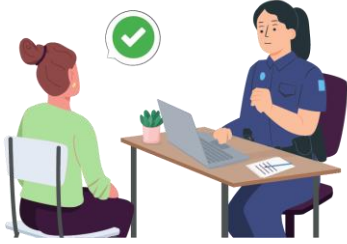
You can ask them to write down important information for you.



You can have the phone on loudspeaker if you want to.



It is your choice to tell police about your disability.



Telling police about your disability can mean you get a supported interview if you make a statement.

To learn more about this supported interview, read our Easy Read [93a Interview](#) information sheet.



You can ask for a break when you make the call.

How to get support



You can call these numbers for help.

1800RESPECT

To speak to someone about sexual assault or domestic violence you can call:

1800 Respect on **1800 737 732**

Or

DVCQCONNECT
Be heard. Be safe.

Sexual Assault Helpline on **1800 010 120** from 7.30am till 11:30pm.

To get support as a victim of crime you can call:

VICTIM & CONNECT

VictimConnect on **1300 318 940**,
or visit www.victimconnect.org.au



WWILD Sexual Violence

Prevention provides support to people with intellectual disability who are victims of crime.

You can call **WWILD** on **07 3262 9877**.

For Legal help you can call:



Women's Legal Service on **1800 957 957**

Or



Legal Aid on **1300 651 188**



Remember if you are in danger call 000.

If you have been sexually assaulted it is not your fault. You have a right to be safe and to get support.